

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
375 Jackson Street, Suite 600
St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

70 Years
"A Partner in Conservation Since 1935"

Phone: (651) 602-7900
FAX: (651) 602-7914

Transmitted Via Email

September 27, 2005

MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 190-6-3

SUBJECT: FORESTRY RESOURCES OF INTEREST TO FIELD OFFICES

Purpose. To distribute information about web-based resources relating to forests.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2006.

Below are recently released resources that NRCS and SWCD field offices will find interesting. One document is about forestry activities and nonpoint source pollution control measures, the second is about exotic and invasive plant species found in Minnesota forests, and the third is an excellent oak tree identification guide that is now available on-line.

EPA has issued a document titled "National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Forestry". This document provides guidance on forestry management systems that are suitable for reducing nonpoint source pollution. There is an excellent discussion of how various forestry activities affect water quality then the document goes on to discuss "management measures" which can be described as management systems with associated best management practices (BMPs). Each management measure has a detailed list of activities for applying the system. This is an excellent document to put along side your National Forestry Handbook.

You can find this document at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/forestrygmt/>.

The Forestry Resource Center has issued "Exotic Invasive Plant Species In Minnesota Forests". This document lists 11 species that are harming Minnesota's forests. Each species has a description of the plant, habitat where it is found and management controls as well as a map showing affected areas. This document is at: <http://www.forestrycenter.org/library.cfm?refID=76483>.

Finally a truly excellent publication on oak identification is now on-line, and you can also order hard copies from the Forest Service. Because Minnesota has so few native oak species, it would be more economical to download and print the few trees we have in this area. The publication can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/fieldguide.pdf>.

Contact Ginger Kopp at 651-602-7909 if you have questions about this bulletin.

WILLIAM HUNT
State Conservationist

DIST: MN ECS, AO, FO